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5 YEARS AFTER SANDY HOOK

Many Schools Still Short On Security Plans

Districts Slow To Provide Reports On Safety

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Five years ago, the world was stunned by a crime unprecedented in its horror — the shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School that took the lives of 20 first-graders and six adults.

State legislators reacted to the massacre not only by enacting tougher gun laws but also by earmarking millions to make Connecticut schools safer, including addressing concerns raised after the shooting about access to school buildings, communication failures and multi-agency coordination gaps.

But now a Courant investigation has found that those efforts, started when the pain of Sandy Hook was fresh, have largely dwindled.

Nearly half the school districts in the state are violating at least some aspect of the law requiring them to submit school security information, a Courant review of state records reveals.

For instance, one of the key regulations requires districts to submit what is known as a School Security and Safety Plan, a 30-page document developed by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, each September to that agency. But state records show that nearly 100

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Doing Good

Newtown's ex-police chief: Honor the determination of Sandy Hook victims' families to turn tragedy into good. **Insight, C1**

SNOW ACROSS CONNECTICUT

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It's Beginning To Look At Lot Like — Winter

GRACE BENOIT, 6, of Wethersfield, above, gets a start on her snowman Saturday morning. Kolby Dawn, 10, of Tolland, at right, hauls his family's Christmas tree out of the woods the Hickory Ridge Tree farm in Coventry. The all-day storm coated the state with several inches, and the wet snow made some roads treacherous, causing spinouts and crashes. Story, **Page B1**

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MOORE VS. JONES

Bitter Race Divides Alabama

Vote A Referendum On State's Identity

By ROBERT COSTA and MICHAEL SCHERER
Washington Post

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — For many Alabama voters, unaccustomed to a competitive election and the national attention that has come with it, the bitter showdown between Republican Roy Moore and Democrat Doug Jones has become something more personal than a race to fill an open Senate seat. It is now a referendum on the state's identity.

Supporters of Jones say with concern that a win Tuesday by the firebrand Moore would derail the state's efforts to escape its painful history and rebrand as a forward-thinking place

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UNIVERSITY STRUGGLE

It's A Battle Over Speech On Campus

Allow Hateful Talk Or Shout It Down?

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After a guest speech at UConn devolved into a scuffle, broken glass and panic over a tossed smoke bomb, administrators and students were left picking up the pieces of a fractured debate. How can a college campus ensure both freedom of speech and the safety of its community when people perceive opinions as threats and use force to combat words?

The challenge is to address the space between what's welcome and what's allowed, says Glenn Mitoma, a steering committee member of Metanoia, UConn's decades-old tradition of holding days of reflection on race

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RACE FOR GOVERNOR

Bronin Shakes Up The Field

Hartford Mayor, Like New Britain's Stewart, Big But Vulnerable Name

Luke Bronin

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Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin's decision to explore a gubernatorial bid may have pushed him to the forefront of the race to succeed Democratic Gov. Dannel P. Malloy, but Republicans are already eager to tie Bronin to his widely unpopular former boss.

"There's no question this is Malloy's candidate," said JR Romano, chairman of the state Republican Party.

The Republican Governors Association also immediately pounced on the Bronin-Malloy connection.

"A committed protégé and former staffer for Dan Malloy, Bronin has followed the

BRONIN, A11

Erin Stewart

Late-Night Open Gym
Every week, a Hartford police officer opens the doors of the gyms at the PAL from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. so city teens can play late-night basketball. **SundayCT, Page B1**

Iraq Sees Victory
Iraq says it has driven Islamic State out. **World & Nation, Page A4**

Holiday Magic
New York City and other destinations around the U.S. are dressing up for Christmas. **Travel, Page F1**

Museum Fantasy
From a Trojan pig taking a selfie to collectible candy boxes to fantasy trains, the Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury has the whimsical and the weird on display. **Arts, Page G1**

Buying Into NHL
An imaginative gubernatorial candidate has a plan to employ the citizenry of Connecticut to buy an NHL franchise. Jeff Jacobs plunks down his $100. **Sports, Page E1**

No Wildfire Relief
Southern California is still burning, with Santa Ana winds making things rougher. **World & Nation, Page A3**

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